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Letter dated 2 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of the statement of the European Community and its member States on El Salvador, issued on 1 October 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 31.

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ANNEX

Statement on El Salvador

The European Community and its member States are most encouraged by the Agreement signed in New York on 25 September 1991 between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN). This Agreement constitutes a major step forward towards the achievement of peace in El Salvador.

They welcome the progress made by the two sides as a result of their courageous, constructive and open stance. They also acknowledge the key role played in this respect by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his personal representative whose good offices have contributed so much to these encouraging results.

Finally, the Community and its member States express the hope that the two sides will pursue the negotiating process in the same spirit of flexibility and continue the dialogue so as to achieve an overall political solution to the existing problems.